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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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FP18703:JPS:TJS:NMT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416).				
International Application No.	International Filing Da (day/month/year)	te	Priority Date (day/month/year)			
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<ol> <li>This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</li> </ol>						
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3	sheets, including this co	over sheet.				
This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).						
These annexes consist of a total of	1 sheet(s).					
3. This report contains indications relating t	to the following items:					
I X Basis of the report						
II Priority						
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IV Lack of unity of invention	shment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability					
V X Reasoned statement under	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement					
VI Certain documents cited	has supporting such statement					
VII Certain defects in the intern	ernational analization					
VIII Certain observations on the						
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I.	Basis of the re	<u> </u>			
1.	With regard to the elements of the international application:*				
	the internation	the international application as originally filed.			
	X the description	n, pages 1-11, as originally filed,			
		pages , filed with the demand,			
		pages , received on with the letter of			
	X the claims,	pages , as originally filed,			
		pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,			
		pages , filed with the demand,			
		pages 13, received on 15 November 2004 with the letter of 15 November 2004			
	X the drawings,				
		pages, filed with the demand,			
		pages, received on with the letter of			
	the sequence	listing part of the description:			
		pages , as originally filed			
		pages, filed with the demand			
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2.	With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in				
		which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:			
		of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).			
	=	of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).			
	the language and/or 55.3).	of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2			
3. <sub>.</sub>	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:				
		the international application in written form.			
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		subsequently to this Authority in written form.			
	<b></b>	furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.			
	The statemen	The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.			
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4.		ents have resulted in the cancellation of:			
	the o	description, pages			
	the o	claims, Nos.			
	the o	drawings, sheets/fig.			
5.	This report h	as been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**			
*	Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).				
**		heet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report			



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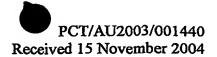
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	1. Statement					
	Novelty (N)	Claims 1-6	YES			
		Claims	NO			
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-6	YES			
		Claims	NO			
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-6	YES			
		Claims	NO			

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-6 meet the criteria set forth in PCT Article 33(2) – (4) for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The prior art published before the priority date does not disclose a support member arranged to provide suspension and being movable relative to the seat frame, and a link means connected between the support member and the seat back to prevent motion of the seat back beyond a predetermined position.



## CLAIMS

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- 1. A vehicle suspension seat arrangement, comprising a seat frame, including a seat base and a seat back, and a support member arranged to be mounted relative to a vehicle proximate the seat back, the seat frame being suspended on and movable relative to the support member and a link means connected between the support member and the seat back, and being arranged to prevent motion of the seat back beyond a predetermined position.
  - 2. A vehicle seat arrangement in accordance with claim 1, wherein the link means is a mechanical scissor link.
- A vehicle seat arrangement in accordance with claim
   , wherein the link means includes a recliner mechanism.
- A vehicle seat arrangement in accordance with claim
   1, 2 or 3, the link means being strong enough to resist
   motion of the seat frame relative to the support member beyond a predetermined position when a load is applied to the seat back such as may be applied by a seat belt mounting of the seat back in a vehicle accident.
- 25 5. A vehicle seat arrangement in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, including an integral seat belt.
- 6. A vehicle seat arrangement in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, wherein the link means is
  30 positioned remote from a pivot connection between the seat back and the seat base.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2004 G & J LEWIS ENTERPRISES PTY LTD By their Patent Attorneys GRIFFITH HACK

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